

BEST PHARMACEUTICALS FOR CHILDREN ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2887, Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act.

TRANSFORMING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND ACQUISITION WORKFORCES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy held a hearing on "Transforming the IT and Acquisition Workforces: Using Market-Based Pay, Recruiting Strategies to Make the Federal Government an Employer of Choice for IT and Acquisition Employees." Testimony was heard from David McClure, Director, IT (Information Technology) Management Issues, GAO; Mark Forum, Associate Director, IT and E-government, OMB; Donald Winstead, Acting Associate Director, Workforce Compensation and Performance, OPM; Don Upson, Secretary of Technology, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD IRAQ

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Iraq. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 38, Homestead National Monument of America Additions Act; and H.R. 1925, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Waco Mammoth Site Area in Waco, Texas, as a unit of the National Park System. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bereuter and Edwards; Michael Soukup, Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; David Maurstad, Lt. Gov., State of Nebraska; and public witnesses.

ARSENIC IN DRINKING WATER

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards held a hearing on Arsenic

in Drinking Water: An Update on the Science, Benefits and Cost. Testimony was heard from Maureen Cropper, Chair, Arsenic Rule Benefits Review Panel, Science Advisory Board, EPA; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2716, Homeless Veterans Assistance Act of 2001; and H.R. 2792, Disabled Veterans Service Dog and Health Care Improvement Act of 2001.

MEDICARE REGULATORY AND CONTRACTING REFORM ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2768, Medicare Regulatory and Contracting Reform Act of 2001.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2001**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on "A Silent War: Are Federal, State, and Local Governments Prepared for Biological and Chemical Attacks?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3005, Bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority Act of 2001; H.R. 3009, Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act; H.R. 3010, to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to extend the Generalized System of Preferences until December 31, 2002; and H.R. 3008, to reauthorize the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for September, 9:30 a.m., 1334, Longworth Building.